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30 December 1963
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, A42 Division/PO43, NSA

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Saransk Search, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement NSA/PO43/R-97/63
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1707-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 29 November 1963 requesting a 75 nautical mile radius search for missile activity in the vicinity of Saransk, USSR.

2. A search for a radius of 75 nautical miles around Saransk was made on good quality, cloud-free photography with negative results for missile activity. Approximately 80 percent of the area was searched on [REDACTED] the remaining area was searched on [REDACTED]

In addition, the area was covered on [REDACTED] with varying weather conditions. [REDACTED] the area was cloud covered with the exception of a small portion of the northern and northeastern sections.

There are several rail spur areas to the north and east of Saransk which appear to be of an industrial nature and remain basically unchanged from mission to mission. No suspect installations or activity around Saransk was observed to relate these rail spurs to missile activity.

The search area includes the suspect, but unidentified, installation at Chaadayevka and the rail spurs at Sergach. A spur area along the main rail line west of Sasavo appears to be for agricultural and storage purposes. No suspect missile activity in the area could be associated with them.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on [REDACTED] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

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